



New Jersey Department of Children and Families Policy Manual

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Subchapter:	9	Adventure Activities	
Section	5	Canoeing, kayaking, and tubing (N.J.A.C. 10:127-9.5)	

§10:127-9.5 Canoeing, kayaking, and tubing

(a) The facility shall ensure that all children and those staff members who do not have a valid lifesaving or lifeguarding certificate:

1. Wear personal flotation devices (PFD) (life jackets) rated Class I, II, or III by the United States (U.S.) Coast Guard; and
2. Are instructed to never stand up in the canoe, kayak or tube, unless the children are in a confined area for staff supervised activities.

(b) The facility shall ensure that life jackets are not used for seating or bedding.

(c) The facility shall ensure that:

1. At least one staff member is present who has a valid lifesaving or lifeguarding certificate issued from an organization that is recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Health or other appropriate authority when there are eight or fewer children;
2. At least two staff members are present who have a valid lifesaving or lifeguarding certificate issued from an organization that is recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Health or other appropriate authority when there are nine or more children;
3. Children and staff members wear footwear that is secured to their feet, unless the activity occurs on a lake with a sandy bottom and no rocks; and
4. All children and staff members stay away from debris and any trees that have fallen across the river and carry the canoe, kayak or tube along the river bank past the debris or fallen tree, if necessary.

(d) The facility shall prohibit canoeing, kayaking, and tubing:

1. At night;

2. In the open ocean; and

3. During electrical storms.

(e) The facility shall ensure that the following equipment is brought along:

1. One spare life jacket for every 12 persons; and

2. Throw lines.

(f) For canoeing and kayaking, the facility shall ensure that:

1. Each canoe and kayak has flotation at either end;

2. For every three canoes or kayaks there is an extra paddle;

3. All equipment is secured;

4. Spray covers, if used, release promptly; and

5. The water temperature is 55 degrees Fahrenheit or higher unless a wet